



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT

AWARD

**To Be Presented By The:
JOINT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Sponsored By:
General Accounting Office
Department of the Treasury
Office of Personnel Management
Office of Management and Budget**

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BACKGROUND

The Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) of the Federal Government is a joint and cooperative undertaking of the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office, the Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Personnel Management working in cooperation with each other and with operating agencies to improve and coordinate financial management policies and practices throughout the Government. The JFMIP was authorized by the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950.

The JFMIP sponsors the Financial Management Improvement Awards Program and selects the recipients. This is the only award sponsored by the Federal Government that is specifically directed to excellence in financial management. The award, recognizing exceptional and distinguished leadership in financial management in the public sector, is administered by the Principals of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program--the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

To recognize senior financial management executives who, through outstanding and continuous leadership in financial management, have been principally responsible for significant economies, efficiencies and improvements in Federal, State or local government.

TYPE OF AWARD

Awards, consisting of engraved plaques, will be presented at JFMIP's annual Financial Management Conference in Washington, D.C., in March 1981.

ELIGIBILITY

Federal, State, or local government employees who are senior executives and have demonstrated outstanding and distinguished leadership resulting in effective financial management improvements over the years are eligible to be nominated for the award. Previous nominees may be renominated provided that they meet the other provisions of this announcement and are updated to include the latest achievements of the nominee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Awards Committee will base its determinations on two factors: sustained leadership in financial management and specific accomplishments in financial management. For purposes of this award, the term "financial management" has been interpreted to include, but is not limited to, the following areas: Accounting, Auditing, Automatic Data Processing, Budgeting, Cash Management, Control and Allocation of Resources, Cost Reduction, Financial Systems Development, Management Analysis, Planning, Productivity Measurement and Improvement, and Financial and Performance Reporting.

The Awards Committee will give substantial weight to sustained, high-quality leadership in financial management over the years considering:

1. Measurable improvements in financial management technology or methodology resulting from the nominees' accomplishments.
2. The extent to which the improvements would have been impossible or significantly lessened without the nominees' involvement.
3. Originality of nominees' accomplishments.
4. The impact of the nominees' accomplishments on governmental financial management policies and practices.
5. The extent of long-term or lasting benefit of the nominees' accomplishments on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of governmental operations.

The Awards Committee will also consider a series of specific accomplishments of the nominees, for which the nominee is primarily responsible and where the results can be measured specifically in terms of improvement in service, a substantial savings or significant technological progress adaptable to a wide range of governmental financial management operations. Some examples of specific accomplishments are:

- Development of procedures or organizational measures which resulted in substantial improvements in the integration of management, budgeting, and accounting.
- Significant contributions to the Government-Wide Financial Priorities Program.
- Development of a financial system which furnished full cost support for cost-based budgeting.

- Implementation of a unified financial management information and control system.
- Development and implementation of a major financial management training and improvement program.
- Establishment of a comprehensive audit system based on improved cost savings and increased audit coverage.
- Development of productivity measurement methods using existing financial management systems.
- Implementation of a fully integrated program structure which provided systematic interpretation of output and performance data in terms of unit costs.
- Improvement of a cash management system resulting in greater availability of funds, better utilization of cash assets, significant upgrading in controls, etc.

Past award winners are listed on page 4.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Federal agencies are encouraged to use incentive awards program channels for solicitation and selection of nominees. No more than three nominations should be submitted from the head of each Federal department and independent agency or a high official from State and local governments to:

Awards Committee, JFMIP
666 11th Street, NW. Suite 705
Washington, D.C. 20001

The following information should be submitted for each nomination:

1. Name, title and, if Federal service, grade
Business address and telephone number
Chronology of government service
2. Brief narrative description of the nominee's qualifications for the award in conformance with above selection criteria, together with the agency or department head's personal evaluation and recommendation.

Four copies of each nomination must be received by JFMIP on or before January 9, 1981, to be eligible for consideration for the 1980 Awards. All nominations received after this closing date will be returned.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

1979

June Gibbs Brown
Inspector General
Department of the Interior

Anthony Piccirilli
Auditor General
State of Rhode Island

1978

Frank L. Greathouse
Director, Division of State
and Municipal Audit
State of Tennessee

William M. Henderson
Fiscal Affairs Specialist
Department of the Treasury

1977

Rear Admiral James R. Ahern
Deputy Comptroller of the Navy

Lloyd F. Hara
Auditor
King County, Washington

1976

Alice M. Rivlin
Director
Congressional Budget Office

Joseph T. Davis
Assistant Commissioner
(Administration)
Internal Revenue Service

1975

Terence E. McClary
Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Comptroller)
Department of Defense

John E. Dever
City Manager of the
City of Sunnyvale
Sunnyvale, California

1974

Bernard B. Lynn
Director
Defense Contract Audit Agency

Martin Ives
Deputy Comptroller
State of New York

1973

Edward W. Stepnick
Director
HEW Audit Agency

Robert R. Ringwood
State Auditor
Wisconsin

1972

Robert C. Moot
Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Comptroller)

Richard E. Miller
Associate Assistant Secretary for Administration
Department of Labor

1971

J. Patrick Dugan
Treasurer-Controller
Export-Import Bank

John P. Abbadessa
Controller
Atomic Energy Commission